

CURRENT HAPPENINGS

FAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL IMPORTANT ITEMS.

BATTLE MANY HOURS

TWENTY DEPUTIES AND 100 NEGROES IN AN ENCOUNTER.

Two Blacks Are Killed, Scores Wounded and Forty Taken Prisoners--Scene Laid at Creek Indian Uprising in Oklahoma Last Year.

On the scene of the famous Creek Indian uprising of last year at Hickory settlement in Oklahoma, two negroes were killed, many wounded and forty captured in a battle between twenty deputy sheriffs and 100 negroes.

Five deputies went from Henrietta, eighteen miles north of Guthrie, to the negro settlement to arrest cattle thieves thought to be concealed in the house of one of the negroes.

At daybreak firing ceased and neither party made another move until 10 o'clock, when the deputies renewed the attack on the negroes, who now numbered 100, against twenty deputies.

At the first onslaught the negroes were dislodged and fled. The deputies pursued and captured forty.

RIVER FUND IN DOUBT.

Prospective Fight Over the Big Improvement Appropriation.

With the announcement from Washington that a united effort was about to be made by senators and representatives from Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota to relocate in Sioux City, Iowa, an office for an engineer in charge of the Missouri river, it has become known that the campaign is the outgrowth of the domination of the lower river influence with the war department and the peculiar provision of the recent rivers and harbors bill for the improvement of the Missouri river.

The movement to bring to Sioux City a government engineer's office had its inception with George C. Call, of Sioux City, secretary-treasurer of the Missouri River Navigation congress. The agitation commenced immediately after the passage of the rivers and harbors bill, and is yet scarcely under way.

Soon after the passage of the rivers and harbors bill, which was approved on March 3, it was found that the usual custom of designating the divisions of the appropriation between the various sections of the river had been changed, the amount being set apart in a lump sum.

WOMAN'S TRAGIC END.

Wife of Pierre Lorillard, Jr. Ends Life by Inhaling Gas.

Weariness of the gay whirl of society and face to face, as she believed, with years of physical suffering, Mrs. Pierre Lorillard, Jr., aged 49, wife of the tobacco magnate, committed suicide by asphyxiation at her home near the fashionable Dupont circle in Washington, D. C., Thursday.

Losses Right to Throne.

George, crown prince of Servia, has renounced his right of succession to the Servian throne. The action is the result of a bitter press campaign in which the crown prince is accused of the death of one of his servants.

Sloux City Live Stock Market.

Thursday's quotations on the Sloux City live stock market follow: Top beefs, \$6.10; top hogs, \$9.75.

KIDNAPERS AT PITTSBURG.

Officers Feared to Take the Couple to Sharon, Pa.

Willie Whittia Wednesday identified the man and woman held on suspicion by the Cleveland police as the persons who kidnaped him from the school at Sharon, Pa., last Thursday, and held him for the \$10,000 ransom which was paid by his father, Attorney James P. Whittia, Monday.

Willie also declared the woman was the one who cared for him at the house where he was detained, and who acted the part of a nurse.

The Cuyahoga county grand jury has returned an indictment against James H. Boyle and Helen Boyle, alias Helen Faulkner, charging them with blackmail. The charge is based in the payment of a \$10,000 ransom by J. P. Whittia for the recovery of his son, Willie Whittia.

Fearing for the safety of their prisoners if taken to Sharon or the county seat of Mercer county, officers Thursday night brought Boyle and his wife to the Allegheny county jail at Pittsburgh in a special car from Cleveland.

A woman known as Mary Dener, who, the police say, may have been an associate of the kidnapers, or was implicated in the plot, committed suicide Wednesday by drinking morphine.

The woman drank the poison while standing in front of a drug store in the east end not far from the house in which Willie Whittia was detained. She died in the ambulance while being taken to the hospital.

DEATH IN TEXAS TORNADO.

Twelve People Lose Lives and Many More Are Injured.

Twelve dead, property loss reaching into thousands of dollars and possibly a score injured was the result of a tornado which swept over the northwestern part of Wise county late Tuesday night. Several small towns suffered serious damage.

The general course of the tornado seems to have been from the southeast. The greatest loss of life occurred in the country districts. The destruction of one farm house alone caused the death of eight persons.

This single tragedy of the storm occurred near Slidell where the farmhouse of Ira Rice was crushed in by the furious wind and the family of eight members pinned beneath the wreckage.

A light in the house at the time of the disaster caused the ruins to become ignited, and, fanned by the furious wind, the flames snuffed out the lives of the helpless victims.

The towns of Sanger and Greenwood were hit and a number of houses moved from their foundations.

SEVERE FLORIDA STORM.

Terrific Gale Does Heavy Damage to Property--One Man Killed.

A severe windstorm passed over Lakeland, Fla., and vicinity early Thursday, causing down several houses, uprooting trees and doing other damage. One man was asleep when the storm blew his house down and he was instantly killed.

At Kathleen eight buildings were blown down, including a commissary. The wires between Kathleen and Lakeland are down and it is impossible to get authentic information of the storm.

George Cheever Arraigned.

George Cheever, son of former chief of police of Andover, Mass., who has been posing as a Yale man, was arraigned in court in New York Thursday and held in \$2,000 bail for trial on a charge of forgery.

Falling Wall Kills Seven.

Seven men were killed and five seriously injured in Chicago Thursday when part of a thirty-five foot wall, left standing after a fire, crashed down on them without warning.

Former Trouble Recurs.

A section of the embankment 300 feet long of the Panama railway line at Gatun has again settled about thirty feet at the same spot where the last movement occurred in November.

To Meet in Kansas City.

A call has been issued for a meeting of Missouri river valley shippers to be held in Kansas City to discuss the recent ruling of the interstate commerce commission on rates to western points, which it is said is in the interest of Chicago and St. Louis at the expense of Missouri river points.

PORTO RICANS KICK

Chairman Rivera Unfolds a Long Tale of Woe.

That Porto Rico was governed better under Spanish rule than under the American administration; that the Spanish-American war and the consequent occupation of the island by the United States has ruined the coffee industry, the most important in the island, and that the executive council, composed largely of Americans, is responsible entirely for the present crisis, were the declarations made Wednesday by Luis Munoz Rivera, chairman of the commission now in Washington. The commission was appointed by the house of delegates lay before President Taft, congress and the American people the reasons for the existing conditions in the island, and to ask for concessions from this country, both in regard to the form of government for the island and on the tariff proposition.

Commissioner Rivera claims that all the Porto Ricans ask for is justice, and that the Americans are not giving them this.

FEAR GREAT LOSS IN REVENUES.

Officials in Philippines Alarmed by Provisions of Payne Tariff.

Officials of the insular government, members of the Philippine assembly and others in close touch with the affairs of the Philippine government are seriously concerned over the loss in revenue which will result from the establishment of reciprocal free trade between the islands and the United States under the provisions of the Payne tariff bill. It is feared that the deficit for the first year, due to the decrease in revenue customs, will approximate \$1,000,000 per annum and that it will increase from year to year with the growth of American imports.

If the closer trade relations with the United States restore the islands to prosperity it will become possible later to impose direct taxation to cover the deficiency. In the meantime it is feared that the Philippines will suffer seriously during the readjustment period and that the government will be forced, in all probability, to abandon many of the important public works.

MISSING AERONAUTS SAFE.

Traveled Aimlessly About for Twenty-Four Hours.

After one of the most harrowing experiences in the history of ballooning Capt. A. E. Mueller and his five companions, who ascended in the big Ferris racing balloon, America, at Pasadena, Cal., last Saturday afternoon and became lost in the Sierra Madre mountains, arrived on foot at Switzer's camp, on the slopes of Mount Wilson Tuesday afternoon, unharmed. The men passed through a series of hardships the details of which have not as yet been learned. They were provided with horses at Switzer's camp and began the descent to Pasadena over a slippery and dangerous trail.

A single telephone wire across the mountain brought the first word of their arrival at the camp to relatives in Pasadena and shortly afterward the wire failed so but little information regarding their hazardous trip was obtained.

STARTS FOR EAST AFRICA.

Roosevelt Sails From New York on the Steamer Hamburg.

Theodore Roosevelt and son Kermit sailed at 11:00 Tuesday morning, on the steamer Hamburg, on the first stage of their long journey to East Africa in search of the big game in which the region abounds. From his home at Oyster Bay, which he left at 7 o'clock, to the steamship dock at Hoboken the ex-president's route resembled a triumphal march, the greetings of the crowds which had gathered to wish him good luck being expressed along the way in enthusiastic cheers. The feature of the trip was that Roosevelt rode for the first time in the tunnel under the Hudson river from New York to Jersey City.

Ban on Correspondents.

Judge Ellis Wednesday afternoon issued peremptory orders forbidding representatives of newspapers sending out, either verbally, or in substance, the testimony of witnesses in the trial of Avery Blount at Amite, La., for the killing of Benjamin Breland, his wife and stepdaughter.

Brownsville Riot Inquiry.

Secretary of War Dickinson Wednesday announced the retired army officers who have been appointed members of the court of inquiry to investigate the discharge of the battalion of the Twenty-fifth infantry, colored, for alleged complicity in the affair at Brownsville in 1906.

Storm Severe in Kansas.

The storm of snow and sleet which swept across Colorado and western Kansas Tuesday night assumed the proportions of a tornado near Edson, Sherman county and nine cars of a Rock Island freight train were blown from the track and many houses unroofed.

Wade Ellis to Remain.

The attorney general has asked Wade H. Ellis, of Ohio, to continue in his present position of assistant to the attorney general, and it was officially announced Tuesday afternoon that Mr. Ellis had agreed to do so.

Columbus Day in New York.

Gov. Hughes of New York, signed a bill Tuesday night designating October 12 as a legal holiday to be known as "Columbus day."

NEBRASKA NEWS

HOUSE CONCURS.

Accepts Senate Amendments to the Banking Act.

The house Tuesday concurred in the senate amendments to the bank bill. Taylor, of Custer, aided by republican members, made a hard fight on three sections but was finally beaten by a vote of 43 to 53. The senate amendments were adopted with only twenty votes against them, one of those a democrat.

The Lincoln charter was recommended to the committee of the whole for the specific amendment of providing for a special election following its passage without the emergency clause.

The senate devoted the greater part of Tuesday afternoon to passing bills. The following were passed:

By Killen--For the appointment of one additional oil inspector and providing for both a flash and gravity test for illuminating oil.

By Evans--A bill to regulate railroads to deliver the full amount of grain loaded on a car but as it came from the two houses says nothing about weighing but requires railroad companies to receive grain for shipment without discrimination.

By Ollis--To require gasoline motors on railroads to be equipped with two closets and separate smoking rooms.

By Diors--For the garnishment of 25 per cent of the wages of a head of a family for debts incurred for the necessities of life.

By Raymond--For the publication of the proceedings of arbitration boards.

By McVicker--For the filing of campaign contributions fifteen days before election.

By Bowman--Making it unlawful for an employer to intimidate or coerce by threatening to discharge them or to close his place of business if any particular candidate is elected.

By Bartos--To make it unlawful for an insurance company to print a statement on its policies that such policies are secured by bonds or securities deposited with the state.

By Miller, by request--To require accident companies to deposit with the state auditor 50 per cent of the value of existing policies, the policies to be valued annually.

By Coroners--To receive \$5 for viewing a body and \$5 for sending it to a morgue.

By Miller--To place the home for the friendless under the control of the county board of health.

By Committee on Education--Child living in a school district to be given leave to attend a school in another district nearer school in the county of their residence.

By Raymond--School districts having 150 pupils to be allowed to increase the tax levy from 25 to 40 mills.

By Blystone--\$1,000 for ways and means reported for the general fishery of the appropriation bills, offering amendments to none of them. They are as follows:

By Gates, \$2,000 for cement walls for the fish ponds at South Bend.

By Skenn--\$40,000 to complete and equip the administration building and complete the library building at the Pease barracks.

By the Committee on Fish and Game--\$2,000 for the Cherry county fish hatchery.

By Taylor of Hitchcock--\$525 for surveying the Fifth guide meridian through Dundy county.

MAY ADJOURN FRIDAY.

Nebraska Salsons Growing Restless and Desire an Earlier Session.

Adjournment and the question of getting away from the capital agitated members of both houses Tuesday night. The joint committee of the house and senate remained in session until late evening over the time when the senate files and house rolls not yet through the house of their origin should be automatically. There was an agreement that this date should be Friday, although the matter was not definitely settled.

Chief of the bank guaranty act alleged that it is fatally defective and has some of the weaknesses of the South Dakota act. The section commanding private banking concerns to reorganize is believed to be unconstitutional.

In the senate Ned Brown created an uproar. While the members were nodding in their seats he slipped an amendment through the committee of the whole striking the word "male" from the statutes in the privileges and election acts. This, of course, granted female suffrage. The amendment was ordered engrossed by a vote, but was afterward killed on the roll call in the senate by a majority of six.

In the special message to the legislature Gov. Shallenberger Tuesday afternoon presented the passage of a law restricting the stock issues of public service corporations. He argued that the stock watering methods in vogue were vicious in the extreme and legislation was needed to make the companies spend hard cash for developments and restrict stock issues to actual cash investment.

PILLS TRIGGER WITH HER TOE.

Mrs. Joseph Kramer, of Nelson, commits suicide with a shotgun.

News was received at Nelson Monday of the death by suicide of Mrs. Joseph Kramer, who lived five miles southwest of that place. She shot herself with a shotgun, the charge lodging in the greater part of her face. Mrs. Kramer sat in a chair near her bed, and taking off her shoe, pulled the trigger with her toe. The front part of her head was literally torn to pieces. A piece of her skull as large as a man's hand was found lying on the floor back of the chair. The walls of the room were bespattered with blood. The sun was so heavily charged the load made a hole two inches in diameter in the ceiling.

No reason is assigned for the act. Mrs. Kramer was in Nelson the day before the tragedy. Besides her husband she leaves five children, four being at home. The other one is married and does not live here.

MRS. BANNER NOT GUILTY.

Unwritten Law Plays Part in Omaha Murder Case.

Mrs. Atta Banner, on trial for the murder of her brother-in-law, who had boasted that he had ruined her daughter, Marjorie King, was given a verdict of not guilty. The outcome of the trial was found lying on the floor back of the chair. The walls of the room were bespattered with blood. The sun was so heavily charged the load made a hole two inches in diameter in the ceiling.

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ROAD SURVEYORS START TALK.

New Line Projected from Hastings to Kearney.

It is believed in Hastings that work will be started early in the summer from Hastings to Kearney or to some point on the Union Pacific a short distance east of that place. Announcement of the plans for building the road as a short connector for north and south traffic over the Harriman system, joining the west end of the Union Pacific with the St. Joseph and Grand Island railroad and eliminating some twenty miles of travel necessary with the connection at Grand Island, has come to Hastings from sources which are regarded as thoroughly reliable.

The route for the projected line was completely surveyed over a year ago and Friday a group of surveyors began going over the line about where it will join the St. Joseph and Grand Island road, in the eastern part of Hastings. The latter road has recently purchased sufficient property along its right of way in the northeast part of that town to accommodate the new line of track.

Father Glauber Expires.

Father George J. Glauber, pastor in charge of Holy Trinity church, at Hartington, suffered a second attack of paralysis Monday morning which he survived but a few hours.

Dropped Dead on Street.

C. E. Wells, of Fairmont, aged 70 years, dropped dead Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock while working on the street. He had been in apparent good health up to the time of his death. He was a carpenter, and had been working on a small barn in the early part of the day.

Pioneer Woman Dead.

Mrs. Patrick Connolly, one of the oldest pioneer citizens of Hart county, died at her home east of Lyons Monday. She was 84 years old.

NO SALOONS AT FORT CROOK.

Gov. Shallenberger Vetoes Gates Bill Passed Assembly.

The county optionists in Lincoln won a decided victory Saturday when Gov. Shallenberger vetoed the Gates bill allowing saloons at Fort Crook. The Gates bill was the only piece of anti-saloon legislation which emerged from the legislative mill during the present session. The margin was narrow in each house, and the bill was fought with extreme bitterness. When the governor's veto was transmitted to the house, an attempt was made to pass the measure despite the executive's disapproval but this failed.

The bank guaranty bill has been printed and the house members are furious. The radicals declare that they will never concur in the senate amendment. The emergency clause was stricken out by the senate and the guarantee deposit cut from one-half to one-fourth of one per cent.

ALLEN HAS COMMERCIAL CLUB.

Interurban Line Among the Projects of Body.

Allen citizens have organized a commercial club with the following officers: President, R. E. Shuckeloff; first vice president, Rev. F. M. Demery; second vice president, W. F. Finley; secretary, A. R. Wilson; treasurer, V. W. McDonald. Among other good things they propose for Allen is a Y. M. C. A. There also is strong talk of building an interurban line from Allen to Wakefield, a distance of eleven miles. The line would connect Allen with the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha railroad, making direct communication with Omaha.

FOUR-YEAR-OLD BOY DROWNED.

Followed Hat Into Stream Too Deep for Him.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. VanLeer arrived at Tecumseh from Sheridan, Wyo., Sunday with the remains of their 4-year-old son, Ben VanLeer. The remains were taken to the home of Mrs. VanLeer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Hunt, in Vista, and the funeral was held there Monday afternoon and interment made in the Vista cemetery. Little Ben was walking near a stream, near his home in Wyoming, when a gust of wind blew his hat from his head and into the water. He went right into the stream after the hat, and the water being quite deep, the child was drowned before help could reach him.

BRISK DEMAND FOR HOGS.

Great Number Marketed last Fall the Cause.

Owing to something of a shortage in feed many Johnson county farmers, as well as farmers all over the state, rushed their hogs off to market last fall, paying little attention to the character of the stuff they were selling, or how low they were letting their stock get. The result is going to be a brisk hog market this year. R. E. Miner, a breeder of thoroughbred hogs of Tecumseh, says that he has raised more hogs than ever before and yet he is going to be able to supply but a small per cent of the demand upon his breeding stock. He received twenty-one inquiries for stock in one day last week.

DILLON'S SLAYERS CONFESS.

Mere Boys Murder Wealthy Farmer for His Money.

Trailed by bloodhounds, George Critzer and Ben Henderson, aged 16 and 18, respectively, were arrested Saturday evening and have confessed that they murdered William Dillon, a farmer near Alma, who was found dead at his supper table Friday evening. Dillon leaves an estate worth \$20,000. The boys secured only a watch and about \$20 in cash.

Chamberlain Suits Hang On.

One of the cases of the state vs. Charles M. Chamberlain, of Tecumseh, will come up in the Gage county district court at Beatrice on April 16. Mr. Chamberlain, as cashier of the failed Chamberlain bank of Tecumseh, is accused of having accepted money on deposit after he knew his bank to be insolvent.

Fail to Crack a Safe.

When the office of O. A. Cooper & Son, millers at Humboldt, was opened Monday morning the safe gave evidence of an unsuccessful attempt to "crack" it during the previous night. The work was evidently that of an amateur, probably home talent.

An Old Settler Dies.

James A. Hood, one of the old settlers in the hills near St. Paul, died Tuesday after a lingering illness of nearly a year's duration. He was born in Culpeper county, Virginia, seventy-eight years ago, and came to this state in 1836 and had been engaged in farming ever since.

Horse Sale Was Successful.

Some record-breaking prices for horseflesh were reached at the James Sayers-Walter Church sale held at Leigh. One span of black horses readily brought \$400, while one other horse went for \$320.

Senator's Daughter Takes Husband.

The marriage of Miss Alma G. Fuller, to Earle R. Birge, occurred at the home of the bride neareward Sunday. Rev. George Williams, of the Presbyterian church, performed the ceremony.

Triplet in Beatrice Home.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Falk, of Beatrice, are the proud parents of triplets, three boys, born Sunday afternoon. The babies are healthy and well formed and weigh eight, seven and six pounds, respectively.

FIND COOPERS GUILTY; 20 YEARS IN PRISON

Jurors Bring in Verdict of Second Degree Murder for Killing of Carmack.

The jury in the case against Colonel Duncan B. Cooper and his son, Robin Cooper, charged with the murder of former United States Senator E. W. Carmack. The jury the previous day acquitted John R. Sharp, a co-defendant.

RAIL IS IMMEDIATELY GIVEN.

Friends of Convicted Men Rush to Sign Bonds Pending Argument for New Trial.

Immediately the defense moved to set aside the verdict because of the verdict of disagreement Friday and asked

the court to declare it a mistrial. Judge Hart said he would listen to arguments on this motion later. He then fixed the defendants' bond at \$25,000 each, which was acceptable to both sides.

The verdict, coming as it did upon the heels of Foreman Burke's declaration, "that we are hopelessly tied up as to the Coopers," was a decided surprise. The defendants took it coolly, almost without emotion. Mrs. Burch and Mrs. Wilson, the daughters of Colonel Cooper, restrained their emotion gamely. Mrs. Burch sat with her arm around her brother Robin's shoulder and Mrs. Wilson was at her father's right.



COL. DUNCAN COOPER.

After filing a bond totaling nearly a million and a half, Colonel Cooper and his son retired to the home of Judge J. C. Bradford to discuss the next move in the case. Although Judge Hart fixed the bond at \$25,000 for each defendant, there was a rush to sign it.

On the part of wealthy citizens of Nashville, which fairly swamped the clerk in the Criminal Court. It seemed as if every friend of the Coopers considered it incumbent upon him to sign the bond. When there was no more room for names at the foot of the document the new bondsmen indorsed it across the face until it was difficult to decipher the signatures.

Great Bridge Dynamited.

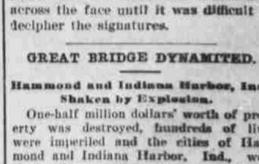
Hammond and Indiana Harbor, Ind., Shaken by Explosion.

One-half million dollars' worth of property was destroyed, hundreds of lives were imperiled and the cities of Hammond and Indiana Harbor, Ind., were shaken from end to end by an explosion of nitroglycerin that completely wrecked the steel construction work of the new Lake Shore Railroad bridge that is being built at Indiana Harbor. The explosion is declared to have been the result of labor troubles between union workmen and the Pittsburg Construction Company of Pittsburg, which is building the bridge.

FRAT BRANDS BOY WITH ACID.

High School Institution at Dunkirk, N. Y., May Disfigure for Life.

Complaint was filed the other day with George Richmond, president of the board of education in Dunkirk, N. Y., of alleged cruelties inflicted upon three candidates for membership in a high school secret society. The initials of the society were branded on the cheeks of three young men with acid. They are Neil Ellis, Frank J. Murphy and Ferdinand Vandevort. Ellis' cheeks may be disfigured permanently.



ROBIN COOPER.